

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Applicant : DAI INOUE et al.  
Filed : Herewith  
For : APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING SOOT PREFORM FOR  
OPTICAL FIBER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

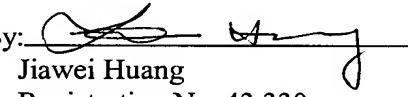
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on merits, please amend the above-identified application as shown in the attached sheets. No new matter has added through the amendment. Entry of the amendment is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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